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DETAILS

1. "BRIDGEBUILDER" IDENTIFIED AS
2. ATTEMPT BY A NEIGHBOUR TO ENLIST "BRIDGEBUILDER" WHO WAS DEVELOPED BY GRM AGENT FLOR
3. INTELLIGENCE PASSED BY STAS ON GERMAN ARMY (1942)

From: STOCKHOLM

To: MOSCOW

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To NORTHERN[1].

FLOR[11] [1 group unrecovered] spent a long time developing[a] "BRIDGE-BUILDER [MOSTOVIE]"[111] (- see the previous material) and put him through extensive training[b]. Recently[c] NEIGHBOUR[3052][iv], through his own official [RABOTNIK], summoned BRIDGEBUILDER to the METRO[v] and proposed to him that he [30] should work [1 group unrecovered] "BRIDGEBUILDER" [1 group unrecovered] up[30] the METRO and so on. FLOR [1 group unrecovered] for several days BRIDGEBUILDER did not go anywhere and did not [1 group unrecovered] anything. As a matter urgency please tell the NEIGHBOUR to steer clear of BRIDGEBUILDER.

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AKASTO[vi]

To NORTHERN.

1. According to information from STAS [STAS'][vii] the Germans have 8 divisions in NORWAY.

2. The Germans have 4½ Panzer and 4½ mechanized divisions ([1 group unrecovered] [6 groups unrecoverable])

3. [1 group unrecovered] [1 group unrecovered] [1 group unrecovered]

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Notes: [a] The verb used is RAZRABATYVAT'. This seems assessing a candidate, developing in him a trust of the case officer and determining whether or not he is suitable for recruitment

[b] Literally "carried out large training/preparation".

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Notes: [e] or "the".
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[1] As it is not clear which part of the verb "to ring" was intended, the infinitive has been given in the translation.

[e] or "these"

Comments: [i] MORITZEN:

MOSCOW addressee and signatory.
Probably Northern Department.

[ii] FLOR:

Unidentified covername. Also occurs in STOCKHOLM's No. 84 of 14th January 1942 (3/NBF/T1860) and No. 737 of 19th April 1942 (3/NBF/T1868). FLOR which is possibly a variant of FLOR occurs in MOSCOW's No. 179 of 10th May 1942 (3/NBF/T1815), No. 467 of 13th July 1942 (unpublished) and No. 776 of 15th October 1942 (3/NBF/T1439).

[iii] BRIDGESMILDER:

Not traced. Also occurs in STOCKHOLM's No. 737 of 19th April 1942 (3/NBF/T1868) and MOSCOW's No. 776 of 15th October 1942 (3/NBF/T1439).

[iv] NEIGHBOUR:

Member of another Soviet Intelligence organisation.

[v] METRO:

Any Soviet Legation or Embassy.

[vi] GUSTO:

Col. N.I. NIKITUSHEV, Soviet Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM.

[vii] STAS:

Maj. Polik BRZESKINSKI, Polish Military Attaché in STOCKHOLM. Also occurs in STOCKHOLM's No. 39 of 27th February 1942 (3/NBF/T1636), No. 553 of 24th March 1942 (unpublished) and No. 667 of 11th April 1942 (3/NBF/T15).

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